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**M Lounge Snags Premier Downtown Corner**

*Restaurant offers fine dining, live music and hip zones to eat, play and lounge*

**SAN JOSE, CA** — M Lounge, an Asian fusion restaurant and bar, joins more than 200 restaurants, bars and cafes in Downtown San José by moving into a prime corner location at 98 North Second Street at East San Fernando Street. M Lounge, which offers fine dining and represents the Madhuban Brand, takes over the space once occupied by P.F. Chang's.

M Lounge celebrates its Grand Opening on Monday, March 2, with a ribbon cutting ceremony.

**When:** March 2, 2015, 11:30 a.m.

**Where:** 98 North Second Street, at East San Fernando Street  
Downtown San José

**Speakers:** Ashwini Kumar, Owner, M Lounge  
Ash Kalra, San José City Councilmember  
Scott Knies, San Jose Downtown Association  
Kim Walesh, Director of Economic Development, City of San José

"We picked Downtown because the face of San José is changing. There's a lot more highly educated residents, workers and visitors here," said Ashwini Kumar, the owner of M Lounge. "There's a hunger for fine dining and high-end restaurants, and we want to fill that gap."

The concept for this location is more South Asian fusion with a blend of Malaysian, Singaporean, Thai and Indian cuisine.

"We see this as a destination restaurant," said Kuman. "We received tremendous support from the City of San José as we got ready to open, and we're excited to be here."

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### **About M Eat Play Lounge**

**M** is an Asian fusion Restaurant Lounge. It is representative of the goodwill of the Madhuban brand, which has been serving quality Indian cuisine across the Bay Area for seven years. **Eat** - we take our diner seriously and have crafted a menu to represent contemporary Asian cuisine as it exists in South East Asia. Our cuisine has Malay, Nonya, Thai and Chinese influences. **Play** - there are fun twists in the menu and the way guests can use the space; we encourage guests to enjoy extended meals, quick bites and be limited only by their imagination. The fusion of the dining and lounging are the real Play in M.

**Lounge** - this is the zone to relax and unwind while enjoying our fine selection of spirits, wines and specially crafted cocktail menu. We believe that lounging is incomplete without some good eats, and will always have some bites available even after dinner. Lounging also changes with the days of the week so we look forward to spinning some great foot thumping tracks from our resident and guest DJs along with some late night cocktails on the weekends. In addition, we also have a patio extension to enjoy the fine California weather— watch this space for some interesting specials that we will roll out from time to time. For more information, visit <https://www.facebook.com/pages/M-Lounge/1517273541891370>.

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